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Honorable Mark Hatfield  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mark:

This is to confirm the substance of our discussion on May 23 regarding S. 905, a bill that would separate the national Archives and Records Services (NARS) from the General Services Administration (GSA).

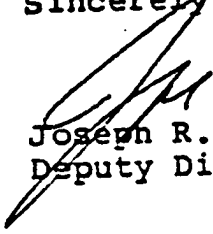
The Administration will support enactment of S. 905, providing that certain changes are reflected in the final enacted version of the bill. Those revisions are outlined in the enclosure.

The Administration's proposed changes to S. 905 reflect our belief that the parameters of a bill to separate NARS from GSA should not permit changes to current archival authority, but rather, should be limited to reorganizational matters.

As you know, the Administration has serious concerns about certain provisions of H.R. 3987, the House counterpart to S. 905. The objectionable provisions of H.R. 3987 would modify or expand archival authorities. We therefore urge you to work in conference to assure that the final enacted bill conforms to the provisions of S. 905, with the technical changes we have proposed.

I believe this summary accurately reflects the major issues we discussed. I look forward to working closely with you in support of S. 905.

Sincerely,

  
Joseph R. Wright  
Deputy Director

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**Administration's Proposed Changes to S. 905**

- o Delete proposed Section 2105(a), which would permit the Archivist to promulgate rules and regulations and would require agency heads to issue directives to conform with these regulations.
- o Delete proposed Section 2105(f), which would authorize agency heads to provide information and data to the Archivist.
- o Add language to require that the Office of the Federal Register be retained within the General Services Administration.
- o No revisions are offered at this time to proposed Section 2104(a), which provides for appointment of the Archivist by the President for a 10-year term. That provision in S. 905 is currently silent on the matter of removal of the Archivist. It is our understanding, however, that if disagreement between the House and Senate persists during conference, the House language will be added to Section 2104(a) to require the President to report to both Houses of Congress the reasons for removal of an Archivist, if such removal occurs.



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